



## Clow School News & PTA Newsflash 9.14.18

### September

18-21st - Book Fair @ Clow

18th - Kwame Alexander Visits Clow Book Fair (students invited to wear a sports shirt/jersey!)

20th - PTA Bingo Night

### October

5th - School Spirit Day (wear green/gold or Clow Spirit Wear!)

8th - No School (Columbus Day)

10th - PTA Meeting (7:00 PM)

19th - End of Quarter One

31st - PTA Fall Classroom Celebrations (2:00 - 3:00 pm)

**Many Thanks!** - What a great turnout we had on Wednesday evening for Curriculum Night! Thanks to those of you who were able to attend. I hope that you found the evening to be helpful and informative as you heard about the learning opportunities that your child will experience this school year. I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with many of you. The staff and I are so appreciative of the support you provide at home and we look forward to a great school year in partnership with you!

**Special Visitor to Clow School** - Kwame Alexander, Newberry winning author of *The Crossover*, will make a special visit to Clow's Book Fair next week! Some of his books center around a sports theme. ***We invite students to wear a favorite sports shirt or jersey on Tuesday, September 18th as we welcome him to our school!***

**Fall Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-Up** - Sign-ups for conferences were available on Curriculum Night. If you did not have the opportunity to attend or sign up

for a conference, your child's teacher will soon be in contact with you to schedule one. Conferences are scheduled for November 1st (4:30 - 8:00 pm) and November 5th (8:00 am - 8:00 pm).

**Dismissal** - Afternoon dismissal is always a busy time at Clow School. In the interest of student safety, we request that pets not accompany parents when picking up children near the school. Thanks for your understanding.

**Book Fair** - Clow will be hosting our first Follett Book Fair! Our fair will run September 18th - September 21st in the LMC. Join us for a literacy event that provides the books kids enjoy reading! The Follett book fair encourages your child's reading habits, builds their personal libraries, and raises funds for the school, all at the same time. You can expect a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable titles for every reading level. Certain Bingo prizes may relate to the book fair!

We hope to see you at our Book Fair. Remember, all purchases benefit our school!

*Book fair Hours:*

Tuesday 9/18 8:30-4:30

Wednesday 9/19 9:00-4:30

Thursday 9/20 8:30-6:00 (Also Clow's BINGO Night from 6:00-7:00)

Friday 9/21 8:30-12:00

We depend on volunteers like you for this event. Volunteers receive a special discount on all purchases! Please use this link to sign up, if you are able to help:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044aa5ab2ca02-fall>

**Art Awareness** - One of the many ways in which our students are supported by the PTA is through the Art Awareness program. Please see the attached flyer for more details related to Art Awareness and how you might choose to be involved.

**IPEF Clow Runners** - Support Team IPEF runners this fall by donating to the Clow School staff participants listed below! These runners will participate in the Naperville 5K on Sunday, October 21st. All money that is raised will come back to Clow and District 204.

Mrs. Patty Bauer <https://www.cherryfish.com/TeamIPEF2018/1437>

Mrs. Nicole Fader

[https://www.cherryfish.com/event\\_dashboard.aspx?entityid=2058&entitytypeid=2&eventid=3&teamid=1752#donate](https://www.cherryfish.com/event_dashboard.aspx?entityid=2058&entitytypeid=2&eventid=3&teamid=1752#donate)

Mrs. Hannigan <https://www.cherryfish.com/TeamIPEF2018/1502>

Mrs. Molly Mackey

[https://www.cherryfish.com/event\\_dashboard.aspx?entityid=2058&entitytypeid=2&eventid=3&teamid=1827](https://www.cherryfish.com/event_dashboard.aspx?entityid=2058&entitytypeid=2&eventid=3&teamid=1827)

Indian Prairie Educational Foundation (IPEF) actively works to encourage student development, support academic success, and promote educational excellence. They support individual classroom endeavors as well as several district programs and events, like the A+ Award, Fine Arts Festival, Teacher Grants and more.

**Third-Party Educational Programs** - The following companies have rented space in our schools to offer an after-school educational program for students. The distribution of this material is in no way an endorsement of programs, services, activities or products by District 204. For more information about the programs listed below, visit:

**[Clow: Illinois Chess Teachers Chess Club](#)**

**[Clow: Young Rembrandts Drawing Classes](#)**

**[Clow: NanoBeasts STEM & Robotics](#)**

In Cougar Pride,

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## **PTA Newsflash (9.14.18)**

### **Upcoming Events**

**SEPTEMBER**

**9/17: 9/21: Book Fair in the LMC**

**9/20: BINGO Night**

**9/25: Restaurant Night: Taco Diner**

## **OCTOBER**

**10/10: PTA Meeting 7:00 PM**

**10/15: Restaurant Night: Sharkos**

**10/19: Fall Fundraiser**

**10/31: Classroom Halloween Parties**

Thank you to all that attended the first PTA meeting of the 2018-2019 school year. We discussed quite a bit of information and are looking forward to working together this year. We couldn't be more excited for what is to come and couldn't do it without your support. .

## **BINGO Night**

We are super excited to introduce our first Bingo night coming up on **Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. In conjunction with the Book Fair happening next week, we will have our very own Mrs. Fader (and a couple special guests) as the maestros of the evening. Come play a round or two of Bingo from 6-7 pm in the Multi-purpose room. Prizes to be given to each winner. \$1 per card with a limit of 3 per person to increase your chances of winning. 😊 Hope to see you Thursday! Go Cougars!

## **Spirit Wear**

Special thanks for our Spirit Wear Vendor, Deb's Embroidery for stopping by at Curriculum Night. Current orders were available for pickup at her table. We hope you were able to browse some of the selection. If you are interested, online Spirit Wear orders can be made through Deb's Embroidery. If you are having sizing questions, samples are available in the school office. Sizes are true to size except for the girls tie-dyed hoodie which runs on the smaller side.

Spirit Wear Store: <https://www.debsembroidery.com/>

click: New Store

locate Clow Elementary and enter password: cougars (all lower case)

## **PTA Membership**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED!** The Clow PTA is a part of the Illinois Parent/Teacher Association that strives to enhance children's education experiences. Signing up does not automatically make you a time committed volunteer, but it does mean that you support our group and believe in what we are trying to achieve. **Due to a few requests, we are extending our deadline to join as a member and receive the School Wide Directory to Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested, please pick up a form in the office or print out the attachment below if you are interested in joining. Directories will still be distributed to PTA Members in October. Please note, membership is always open, this deadline only pertains to the Directory.

## **School Fundraising**

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Save your Box Tops from your already eligible purchases and Clow earns \$.10 for each one submitted. Multiple contests for classrooms and students will be announced soon but start clipping to get a head start. Please see attached flyer for ALL participating products. Easy way to give back to Clow.

**SAVEAROUND BOOKS:** Thank you to those that have either purchased or returned the coupon books. Your support is appreciated, and we hope you find some value to them if you have held onto them. Proceeds from the sales of these books will be used to fund various PTA sponsored activities in the classrooms, extracurricular field trips and LMC author visits. **Reminder – any remaining books should be returned to the school this week. If you have not already done so, please return any unpurchased books with your child on Monday, September 17 so we can close out this fundraiser. Any additional books that have been purchased will be sent home next week.** If you are still interested, the cost of this book is \$25.00, and this book can be used LOCALLY or NATIONALLY. You can double your savings by uploading the App to your mobile device and entering the access code. Once the code is activated, you can enjoy even more money saving options. You will find that this book pays for itself in just 2-3 uses. If you wish to purchase this book or sell a copy or two to family or friends, simply keep the book sent home and indicate any additional books you wish to purchase on the order form that is returned to school. Cash or checks made payable to Clow PTA will be accepted. If you have any questions regarding these books, please reach out to Ginger Haines (ghaines06@gmail.com)

**AMAZON SMILE:** Just a “smile” reminder for all you Amazon shoppers out there -- we have registered our school on Amazon Smile as a simple, easy way to raise some money for our school and classrooms. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) purchases to the charities selected by customers and Clow's unique charity link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3028473> . Be certain to use this link or search for “Clow PTA” on Amazon Smile and have a percentage of your total purchases automatically come back to Clow. Please note, Amazon Smile cannot be used through the app on your mobile device for charitable donations. You can however, use the app to fill your basket and then go through safari or your web browser using the link above on your mobile device to complete your purchase for ordering. All proceeds received from Amazon will go directly to our students. Happy Shopping!

## **PTA Planning/Survey**

Preliminary results are IN and individuals are in the process of being contacted. Thank you to all of those that have shown interest and have generously volunteered your time. Your commitment to the school is amazing. HOWEVER, we still need to fill two important roles – Head Classroom Parents for both 2M and 3M. We have reopened the survey in hope of filling these positions, among others. If you have reconsidered your time commitments or are interested in volunteering, at Clow for any of the PTA sponsored events and missed the first opportunity to fill out the survey, please take a moment to complete the PTA Volunteer Survey. This important survey helps us plan for the year and take into account any special interests you may have. There are many open opportunities and whether you have lots of time to give or are on a very limited schedule, there just may be something here for you. It takes many hands to create the opportunities we are so lucky to have here at Clow for our students and we greatly appreciate your time, support and help. If you have any questions or comments or want to just volunteer directly, please contact Diane Guskey (guskey.clowpta@gmail.com) with any inquiries. Extended family members and friends are also welcome to volunteer at our school. If

you have such an individual who is looking for opportunities, please let us know. **NEW Survey deadline is Tuesday, September 18, 2018.**

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